RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1938

H. L. ROBERTS, President
J. J. SMITH, Hon. Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1939

President :

*Mr. H. L. ROBERTS and Mr. B. V. HERBERT

Vice-Presidents (Six to be Elected):

Messrs. *F. DONNELLY, W. MINTERN, *F. O'BRIEN, *J. WESTON, G. KERMOND, *J. LOUGHNAN, and *W. NUTT.

Committee :

Messrs. A. DAWS, M. HUNTER, W. MAHER, L. LANGDON, P. LANGDON, J. BOND, and N. DYER

Honorary Treasurer :

Mr. C. E. TURNER

Honorary Secretary (One to be Elected):

Messrs. M. FLEMING and M. SHEAHAN

* Denotes Retiring Members.

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES, SEASON 1938

	First Played	Matches 1938	Matches Played
Bentley, P.	1925	17	227
Bolger, M.	1930	18	168
Bates, G.	1937	8	22
Broman, A.	1937	2	5
Brett, S.	1938	9	9
Burgman, J.	1938	1	1
Crane, J.	1937	18	34
Chergwin, R.	1934	18	60
Cotter, J.	1935	18	53
Cummings, C.	1938	1	1
Dickson, N.	1936	8	15
Dyer, J.	1931	17	106
Grant, G.	1936	1	21
Guinane, D.	1934	16	68
Harris, R.	1934	18	91
Hull, Ian	1936	17	45
Martin, R.	1930	15	124
McBeth, J.	1938	4	4
O'Neill, K.	1930	17	167
O'Connell, M.	1937	—	2
Priestley, J.	1938	6	6
Henderson, R.	1937	10	28
Sleeth, L.	1937	7	20
Symons, J.	1934	15	56
Smeaton, G.	1935	14	51
Scriven, R.	1935	1	34
Smith, H.	1938	8	8
Strang, G.	1931	18	114
Titus, J.	1926	18	205
Edwards, B.	1938	14	14
Jenkins, W.	1938	3	3
McCrory, A.	1938	5	5

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Richmond Town Hall on Wednesday, 8th February, 1939, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2. Election of Office-Bearers.
3. Presentations.
4. General Business.

Members must present the 1938 Membership Ticket to secure admission to the meeting, and it must be presented to the Poll Clerk to secure a vote.

A Ballot will be taken, if necessary, in the Supper Room, Town Hall, on Wednesday, 8th February, 1939, the date of the Annual Meeting.

VOTING FROM 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Musical Programme arranged by Mr. Les Langdon

Returning Officer: Mr. Darlinson, State Electoral Officer.

J. J. SMITH, Hon. Secretary

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1938

President: H. L. ROBERTS, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

F. Donnelly, Esq.; M. Fleming, Esq.; J. A. Loughnan, Esq.; W. S. Nutt, Esq.; F. E. O'Brien, Esq.; J. A. Weston, Esq.

Committee:

Messrs. A. H. Daws, A. Geddes, M. Hunter, L. E. Langdon, P. C. Langdon, W. Maher, M. E. Sheahan

Players' Representatives on Committee:

Messrs. M. Bolger, P. Bentley, and K. O'Neill.

Richmond Cricket Club's Representative on Committee:

Mr. W. Smith

Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club:

Mr. M. Fleming

Richmond League Seconds' Representative on Committee:

J. Joyce.

Victorian League Delegates:

Messrs. H. L. Roberts, J. J. Smith

Chairman of Committee: Mr. F. E. O'Brien

Hon. Solicitor: F. E. O'Brien, Esq.

Auditor:

W. J. Doig, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. D. Roseby

Hon. Dentist: Mr. G. Kermond

Playing Coach: Mr. P. Bentley

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Baker

OFFICE-BEARERS (Continued)

Captain: Mr. P. Bentley. **Vice-Captain:** Mr. J. Titus

Training Room Staff:

Messrs. R. G. Davall (head), L. Bolitho, C. McHutchison, M. Noble, H. McDonald, M. Wishart, and W. Hawley

Door Steward: Mr. L. Cameron

Boot Studder: Mr. T. Carswell

Property Steward: Mr. C. Callander

Players' Property Steward: Mr. A. Lewis

Selection Committee:

Messrs. H. L. Roberts (chairman), L. Langdon, M. Sheahan, Captain, Vice-Captain.

Finance Committee:

Messrs. F. E. O'Brien (chairman), ~~M. Fleming~~, and ~~W. S.~~ Nutt, J.P. Secretary, Treasurer.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. E. Turner

Hon. Assistant Secretary: ~~Mr. M. Sheahan~~

Hon. Social Secretary: ~~Mr. L. Langdon~~

Hon. Secretary:

Mr. J. J. Smith, 14 Leslie Street, Richmond. J 3797

INDUCE YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME MEMBERS

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Committee of Management, 1938

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with a certain amount of pleasure that the committee presents for your approval the Report and Balance Sheet for Season 1938. We regret that for the second occasion since 1925, your team was displaced from the coveted "Final Four," of the Victorian Football League. However, the performance of your team during the season indicated that with further re-building this coming season, the Tigers will be strong contenders for a place in the "Four."

The committee at the outset wish to convey the thanks of members to the players for their efforts during the season. In an endeavor to maintain team balance, many players were switched from their usual positions to strengthen key positions made vacant by injuries, loss of form, etc. Your players are always prepared to sacrifice their own personal ambitions and willingly give of their best in the interest of our grand old club.

The optimism of your committee was fully justified at the commencement of the season, when your team performed brilliantly against North Melbourne, by kicking 19.26 to 9.9; the match at Carlton, when we were defeated by one point, and the victory against Collingwood at Richmond by 10 points were pointers that your team was gradually being re-built to its former strength; however, defeats at St. Kilda by 10 points and Hawthorn by three points, reminded us that our form was not consistent. Although during the season your team gave some remarkably good performances in defeating Carlton, Collingwood (twice), Geelong, and Melbourne, the leading teams in the League, defeats by clubs low down on the list were most disappointing.

Your committee was unfortunate that several players recruited in the 1937 season disappointed them last season through injury and loss of form. These young players were expected to improve and it is possible that had they materialised your club, with the assistance of the more experienced players, who again rendered excellent service, would have won more than ten matches.

During the season your team was defeated by very narrow margins, the games at Carlton by 1 point, North Melbourne by 4 points (North kicking 14.3), St. Kilda 4 points, and Hawthorn 3 points. Members will long

remember these exciting games, and we remind you that victory in two of the above would have given the Tigers an opportunity to win the season's premiership.

The injury to Ray Martin, your champion rover, and Jack Titus, record goal-kicker, were indeed inopportune and both these excellent players were unable to assist your club in their desperate fight for fourth position in the last three important games; however, Ray is quite fit again and it is to be hoped that Jack Titus, after his serious operation for the removal of his cartiledge, will again continue to render outstanding service.

Your committee feels that on the whole the performance of the team during the season was satisfactory. Members enjoyed the match of the day on many occasions and though at times your team was defeated, it was only after a thrilling and exciting display of strong, forceful football; in short, members received good value for their money.

We would suggest that members realise that the Victorian Football League comprises 12 clubs, all managed by enthusiastic and capable administrators striving to place their respective clubs at the top of the premiership list, and when you glance over the performance of your own club over the past 12 years (premiers 2, runner-up 5, third 1, fourth 2, and sixth 2) some appreciation for the management of your club is worth while.

MEMBERSHIP

It is pleasing to report on the increase in the membership of your club for Season 1938. Although we regret that the increase was not as substantial as we expected, we are hopeful that the drift in membership ticket sales has now been arrested. Supporters will realise the benefits they receive when they purchase a membership ticket. Firstly, ticket holders save a considerable amount; secondly, the added comfort of admission to the grandstand on your home ground; and lastly, and most important, your club retains practically the whole of the purchase price of your membership ticket. If you pay for admission at the gates, then your club is only receiving a small percentage of your financial support, therefore BUY YOUR MEMBERSHIP TICKET THIS SEASON 1939 and become a REAL MEMBER.

Your thanks are due to Mr. Geo. Provan for his assistance in disposing of membership tickets in a new and novel way, Mr. Provan is a most enthusiastic supporter of the Tigers and we regret that objection was taken to the methods he adopted to assist your club. Your committee is grateful to Mr. Provan for his help.

TRIP TO BALLARAT—EXHIBITION MATCH

Richmond v. Geelong

In an endeavor to stimulate greater interest in our game at Ballarat your club was invited to engage in an exhibition match with the Geelong Club, the proceeds

to assist to propagate the game in and around the Ballarat District. The enterprise of the Victorian Football League in sponsoring the match was fully justified, a season's record attendance enjoyed a splendid match in which both teams displayed excellent form, the rousing finish of the Tigers creating considerable excitement in the last few minutes of play when your team kicked the winning goal. The barracking and enthusiasm was comparable to a club match in Melbourne.

The officials of the Ballarat League were delighted with the patronage that the match received from the Ballarat "Fans" which helped them considerably to finance their commitments and ease their financial burden. However, the match was a complete success, the conduct of both teams commendable, and the match was capably umpired by Gordon Batt. The advertisement the game received should have the desired effect in the near future.

The officials of the Ballarat League are entitled to every assistance that your club or any League club can offer to assist them to re-habilitate the game in this important centre.

As usual your club was showered with hospitality from football, civic, and sporting bodies, and a very pleasant week-end was spent. Your committee, players, staff, and visitors expressed sincere thanks to those who assisted to make the week-end visit happy and enjoyable.

LEAGUE DELEGATES

The office of Victorian Football League delegates was again entrusted to your President (Mr. H. L. Roberts) and Mr. J. J. Smith. Your best thanks are due to both for the great amount of time devoted to the interest of your club and the game in general. With the increase in the popularity of our game throughout Australia, (and during the past season this has been considerable) the duties of a delegate demand almost constant attendance at head-quarters. Mr. Roberts has represented your club at the League table for the past 15 years, and Mr. J. J. Smith for seven years. Mr. Roberts was again elected to the position of Vice-President, and Chairman of several Sub-Committees.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Your committee again unanimously appointed Messrs. Roberts (Chairman), M. Sheahan, and Les. Langdon to the position of selectors, and, together with the captain and coach (Perc. Bentley) and vice-captain (Jack Titus), they completed another successful season. The many difficulties that they have to contend with during the season, due to injuries, loss of form, etc., present many a problem and many an hour is spent endeavoring to select a team with the necessary balance to win matches, and although at times the selections have not proved successful, members should reflect a while and remember that although we have not the champions of a few years ago, we are still capable of downing the leading teams in the

League; therefore, permit me to suggest that any failure of our team last season was not the lack of ability of the selectors, but the lack of talent of our reserves. Your best thanks are due to the above-mentioned gentlemen, who, in the interests of your club, devote many hours on a thankless and unenviable task.

MIDNIGHT REVELS

At the termination of the season, officials, players, and staff were entertained by that good sport and friend of your club, Mr. W. Mintern. Mr. Mintern styled his entertainment "A Midnight Revel" and his experiment proved a complete success. Everything provided was of the best, and it was indeed a good night. Mr. Mintern was warmly thanked for his generosity and sporting gesture.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Carlton Football Club we offer sincere congratulations on winning the coveted premiership for season 1938. Your committee fully appreciates the merit of winning the premiership and considers that no club was more entitled to the honor than Carlton in view of the fact that the "Blues," apart from playing consistent football throughout the season, finished at the head of the list in the home and home matches. It was fitting, therefore, that they should also finish at the top in the final round. The record crowd was treated to an excellent display of hard, determined football, played in the best of spirits.

To Collingwood, Geelong, and Footscray (the other finalists)we extend our congratulations. The performance of the Footscray Club in reaching the final four for the first time is indeed worthy of commendation, and their appearance on the M.C.G. proved an excellent attraction.

To Dick Reynolds, of the Essendon Football Club, for again winning the highest honor of the Victorian Football League, the much sought after Brownlow Medal, we extend hearty and sincere congratulations.

CAPTAIN, VICE-CAPTAIN, AND COACH

When your players unanimously selected Perc. Bentley to the position of captain for season 1938, they paid their tribute to an excellent player and a fine clubman. Perc., by his seven seasons of captaincy, has now established a club record for this responsible position. Loyality, determination, and service to the yellow and black jersey has always been the ambition of this stout hearted Tiger.

Jack Titus also received the unanimous approval of the players when he was nominated for the position of vice-captain. Jack, as in previous years, displayed his eagerness and keenness to assist his captain. Both these excellent players have the complete confidence of the players, officials, and staff of your club.

For the sixth successive year the coaching duties were entrusted to Perc. Bentley. As in the previous five years he again gave to the position his undivided attention, and carried it out with thoroughness and enthusiasm. As a tribute to his ability your committee has placed on record a recommendation that Perc. be appointed coach for season 1939.

PLAYERS IN REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

In the inter-State and representative League matches played during the season our representatives were: against South Australia, at Adelaide, Kevin O'Neill (vice-captain) and Jack Dyer. In the match against Western Australia played at the M.C.G., the same two players were again selected. We desire to congratulate the players on their selection, particularly Kevin O'Neill on his appointment to the position of vice-captain, an honor he richly deserved. Both players acquitted themselves excellently.

LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES, PRESENTATIONS, AND TROPHIES

At the Annual Meeting opportunity will be taken to present long service certificates to the following five years' players: Jack Symons, Dick Harris, Dan Guinane, and Dick Chergwin.

During the season Jack Titus joined the select band who have played 200 games or more with your club. A suitable presentation was made to Jack to commemorate the event.

Presentations were also made to Jack Dyer and Gordon Strang, who had the distinction of playing in 100 games with the Tigers. Members will agree with the officials that the above mentioned players have rendered excellent and outstanding services to which we all extend congratulations.

CLUB LIFE-MEMBERSHIPS

As a mark of long and eminent service, your club conferred on Mr. Maurice Sheahan and Maurice Hunter the distinction of life-members. Their achievements and loyality are so well-known to the thousands of Richmond supporters that it would be idle to enumerate them.

May they both be long spared to assist the club they have served with success over the past ten years.

DONORS

The club desires to record its sincere thanks to the many donors, who, year after year, by their cheques, trophies, and goods, assist to lighten the burden of finance by their generosity. The committee acknowledge with thanks the various amounts and goods received and trust that the club will merit the honor of their continued support.

MEMBERSHIP TICKET SELLERS

It is my pleasure to again refer to the excellent assistance rendered to the committee by the gentlemen who, year after year, attend to the disposal of membership tickets at the opening of the season. Their honesty and loyality is indeed appreciated and it is hoped that they will continue to assist in this most important section of your club. The following gentlemen are deserving of your warmest thanks: Messrs. Perc. Langdon, A. V. Barwood, Ray Johnson, Les. Gordon, A. Knight. I desire to express my personal thanks to the above-mentioned for their many years of loyality and assistance to me during the period that I have occupied the position of honorary secretary to your club.

TRAINERS AND STAFF

Your committee is indebted to the training staff for the capable manner in which they again attended to your players, ever willing to place their valuable services in the interests of your club. Mr. Bob Davall was again appointed head-trainer. Bob, by his enthusiasm and ability has set a very high standard, and with his assistants, Messrs. M. Noble, Thurley, Bolithe, Wishart, McDonald, McHutchison, and Hawley, form an excellent staff of trainers.

Mr. C. Callander, your club's property steward, as usual performed his many duties to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. Charlie by his earnestness and sincerity has endeared himself to all connected with the administration of your club. Continuity of service appears to increase the enthusiasm of this valuable member of your staff.

Permit me on behalf of your committee to thank the following loyal officials, Messrs. Lou. Cameron (door steward), Wal. Baker (timekeeper) and his assistant (Mr. W. Stanborough), Arthur King (assistant property steward), A. Lewis (players' property steward), A. Carswell (boot studder) and his assistant. Also those ladies and gentlemen who assisted in the sale of membership tickets.

We are again deeply indebted to Mr. Gordon Chivers, massuer to your club, for his untiring and skilful attention to injured players.

APPRECIATION

To Dr. D. Roseby (club's medical officer) and Mr. Garnet Kermond (honorary dentist) we convey sincere thanks for the skilled and painstaking attention to our players. Both gentlemen rendered excellent service to your club.

As usual we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Frank O'Brien for his assistance and help in his capacity as honorary solicitor to your club.

Your committee is deeply indebted to Messrs. C. Turner (honorary treasurer), Maurie Sheahan (assistant honorary secretary), and Les. Langdon (social secretary) for valuable services rendered throughout the season.

To Mr. Clarrie Robertson for his many acts of generosity to your players during the season.

To Dave Wright for his many donations to players. Practically every match Dave, with the idea of encouraging the junior members of your team, offered a cash present.

To Jack Jones for his encouraging trophies.

To Mr. Bill Mintern for his constant and ever-ready help and assistance. His help has been appreciated.

To "Wellwisher" we express our heart-felt thanks for his assistance in placing players in employment, this is indeed a difficult task and we are grateful to the above-mentioned gentleman who desires that his name be not disclosed. Mr. W. Mintern is also sincerely thanked for his assistance in the employment question.

To the Richmond Brewery we are also thankful for their interest.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your finance committee contributed another excellent season's service to your club. Every item of expenditure was treated in a businesslike manner, and the happy financial position as disclosed in the balance sheet should provide pleasant reading for members.

Payments to your players was as usual the maximum as allowed under the Coulter Law—£3 per week. Your finance committee also recommended that an amount of £313 be transferred to the Players' Provident Fund for allocation for the season. This is indeed a large sum and your committee is endeavoring to build up a substantial amount to those splendid players who have given excellent services in the past.

The solid financial position of your club (a credit of £1,175) is the envy of many clubs connected with the Victorian Football League. Mr. Frank O'Brien (Chairman) with Messrs. M. Fleming and W. Nutt, together with the honorary treasurer and honorary secretary, are to be highly commended on their handling of the finances of your club over the past years.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Your committee again takes the opportunity of conveying to its social committee sincere thanks for the assistance rendered during the past season, particularly Mr. Les. Langdon (social secretary) and Mesdames A. King, J. Titus, Andrews, and Misses B. Morgan, A. Grinley, and Crowe.

The handsome donation of approximately £65 was made to the general funds. Your social committee is a valuable asset to your club, ever ready to offer their services.

Richmond Football Club — Income and Expenditure Account, Season 1938

1937						1938		
			To Team Maintenance—					
£1,509	1	6	Players' Allowances, Sustenance, Lost Time, etc.	£1,498	11	0		
406	16	6	Coach and Training Staff Wages	416	1	6		
270	8	0	Material & Training Requisites, etc.	275	8	9		
64	16	0	Medical Expenses, Masseurs' Fees, etc.	120	0	5		
137	5	0	Players' Insurances	138	14	9		
52	4	3	Entertaining Players and Officials	94	9	3		
111	19	5	Travelling Expenses, Cartage, Hire etc.	206	2	10		
54	5	9	Refreshments	86	5	3		
3	4	6	Delegates' Fees and Registration of Players	3	4	6		
							£2,838	18 3
			Administration Expenses—					
59	12	0	Annual Meeting	£50	2	0		
54	19	3	Printing, Advertising, etc.	103	10	7		
41	8	3	Telephone, Telegrams, etc.	29	0	1		
			Stationery and Stamps	17	3	10		
26	18	0	Insurance—Rain £6 14 6					
			Fidelity, etc. 7 0 3					
				13	14	9		
13	2	0	Wreaths	4	4	0		
3	14	0	Bank Charges	3	2	0		
90	0	0	Secretarial Allowance & Expenses	150	0	0		
5	11	9	Miscellaneous Expenses	8	17	10		
8	7	0	Repairs and Replacements	89	16	9		
8	8	0	Audit Fees	—	—	—		
10	10	0	Ground Hire—Practice Matches	—	—	—		
132	9	1	Presentations and Donations	65	6	6		
11	8	7	Donations Junior Football Clubs	52	12	8		
							587	11 0
181	0	0	Richmond Football Club 2nd XVIII				156	2 6
217	5	0	Honorarias				122	5 0
180	10	0	Donation Players' Provident Fund				313	0 0
26	14	0	Geelong Match				34	15 0
—	—	—	Ballarat Trip	£63	2	1		
—	—	—	Hastings Trip	14	14	0		
—	—	—	Bairnsdale Trip	75	16	6		
							153	12 7
			Bad Debts—1937 Membership Tickets				11	3 0
			Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings				10	11 0
							£4,227	18 4

1937					1938		
			By Sale of Membership Tickets—				
			3,282 Tickets at 8/4	£1,367	10	0	
			71 Scholars Tickets at 5/-	17	15	0	
£1,144	13	8		£1,385	5	0	
118	17	7	Less State Entertainment Tax £145 7 3				
73	3	6	Less Levy Paid to V.F.L. 82 1 0				
				227	8	3	
							£1,157 16 9
			Gate Receipts—				
1,007	16	6	Matches: Home Ground	£944	9	2	
513	6	10	Matches: Other Grounds	1,038	3	3	
1,521	3	4		1,982	12	5	
12	12	2	Practice Matches	12	9	8	
1,533	15	6					1,995 2 1
755	2	7	Share of Proceeds V.F.L. Finals	£900	0	0	
100	0	0	Training Allowance—Semi Final	—	—	—	
855	2	7		900	0	0	
269	5	10	Less V.F.L. Levies	344	11	2	
585	16	9					555 8 10
			Richmond Cricket Club—				
190	11	6	Share of Grand Stand Receipts and Allowance				
155	4	0	for Members—Maximum				350 0 0
345	15	6					
			Donations—				
53	12	6	Sundry Persons	£43	13	0	
942	16	7	Social Committee	63	16	11	
996	9	1					107 9 11
25	0	0	Broadcasting Fee				25 0 0
			Interest Received—				
12	0	0	Loan to R.C.C.	£12	0	0	
—	—	—	Fixed Deposit	12	7	6	
	2	7	State Savings Bank		16	8	
12	2	7					25 4 2
			Balance to Accumulation A/c.				11 16 7
							£4,227 18 4

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Loan from Trip Fund	£55 0 0		E. S. & A. Bank Ltd.—		
Accumulation A/c. 31/12/37 .. £1,295 3 6			Current Account	£22 1 5	
Less Deficiency Season 1938 .. 11 16 7			Fixed Deposit	450 0 0	
	1,283 6 11				£472 1 5
			State Savings Bank		406 5 6
			Loan—Richmond Cricket Club		300 0 0
			Sundry Debtors		10 0 0
			Furniture, Fittings, Piano, etc.	£140 0 0	
			Add Additions	20 11 0	
				160 11 0	
			Less Depreciation	10 11 0	
					150 0 0
	£1,338 6 11				£1,338 6 11

H. L. ROBERTS, President — C. E. TURNER, Treasurer — JOHN J. SMITH, Secretary

The President and Members, Richmond Football Club,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have examined the Accounts and Transactions of your Club for the year ended 31st December, 1938. I have pleasure in certifying that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and correctly sets forth the true position of the Richmond Football Club at the 31st December, 1938, according to the information and explanations afforded me and as shown by the books of the Club.

January 23, 1939.

W. J. DOIG, Auditor
Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

TRIP AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND, SEASON 1938

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
To Balance State Savings Bank	£2 10 6	By Balance State Savings Bank	£2 11 4
„ Interest	10		
	£2 11 4		£2 11 4

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	£57 11 4	Amount owing from General Funds	£55 0 0
		Balance State Savings Bank	2 11 4
	£57 11 4		£57 11 4

Audited and found correct,
W. J. DOIG, Auditor, Chartered Accountant (Aust.).

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON 1938

RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS		
To Balance State Savings Bank		£138 17 11	By Payments to Players—		
Interest—			S. Judkins	£39 6 7	
Fixed Deposit £400	£11 0 0		J. Murdoch	31 4 11	
State Savings Bank	16 3		J. Dyer	24 7 6	
	11 16 3		J. Symons	8 10 0	
Donation—Richmond Football Club, Season 1938		313 0 0	K. O'Neill	20 0 0	
				£123 9 0	
			Fixed Deposit E. S. & A. Bank Richmond	200 0 0	
			Balance State Savings Bank	140 5 2	
		£463 14 2			£463 14 2

PROVIDENT FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities available to meet Sundry Amounts credited	£740 5 2	Fixed Deposits E. S. & A. Bank Richmond	£600 0 0
		Balance State Savings Bank	140 5 2
	£740 5 2		£740 5 2

JOHN J. SMITH, Honorary Secretary
23rd January, 1939.

Audited and found correct,
W. J. DOIG, Auditor, Chartered Accountant (Aust.).

MEMBERSHIP TICKETS, SEASON 1938

Sales—Adults	3,282	As issued by Printer—Adults	4,350
Unsold—Adults	943	As issued by Printer—Children	150
Sales—Scholars	71		
Unsold—Scholars	79		
Life Members, Donors, etc.	125		
	4,500		4,500

GENERAL

We congratulate the following players who have joined the large army of benedicts during the season, and extend our good wishes to their wives. Suitable presentations were made to all.

G. Bates, D. Guinane, H. Smith, J. Uwins, A. McCrory, and R. Scriven.

We are happy to refer to the excellent services rendered to our great game by Mr. L. H. McBrien, Secretary of the Victorian Football League—capable, courteous, and sincere. He is responsible for a considerable amount of valuable advice, which he is ever ready to give to those who have the responsibility of the management of club affairs.

We record our appreciation to Colonel Wallis for his many costly trophies to players during the season; a good supporter is the Colonel.

We express our sincere thanks to the members of the Committee, who, at great inconvenience to themselves, attend to the scouting for players.

IMPORTANT.—If your club is to maintain its traditional place in football, employment of players is essential and any help in this important matter will be welcomed by your officials.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the demise of the following during the season and to their sorrowing relatives we express our deepest sympathy:

Messrs. W. Sincock (Trustee Players' Provident Fund), Inspector Taylor, W. O'Brien (father of Frank, Vice-President), infant son of J. Weston, Vice-President, O. M. Williams (ex-President of the V.F.L.), and Dr. Kevin McCarthy.

BAIRNSDALE TRIP

At the termination of the season, a party of officials, players, and staff journeyed to Bairnsdale per car. We regret that the Gippsland League were unable to arrange a match, therefore the party was compelled for the time being to forget that they were members of the famous "Tigers." A visit was made to Lakes Entrance and a delightful trip per motor launch to the Salmon Pens, the sight of hundreds of fish in captivity was indeed novel to many in the party. Our visit to the Buchan Caves was most interesting, and we were greeted by the manager of the Caves, who proved to be a real "Tiger" supporter. The Bairnsdale Golf Club, together with Mr. Robert's Mine Host Victoria Hotel, extended invitations for members of the party to their club rooms, and the

use of the Links. A shooting party was also arranged. The tit bit of the trip was the fishing party arranged by the President (Mr. H. L. Roberts) on the Tambo. Although most of the members of the fishing party were most inexperienced, the outing was most enjoyable, and quite a number of fish landed.

The Bairnsdale Golf Club, Mr. Roberts, and the good sports of Bairnsdale did everything possible to make our stay enjoyable, and we are indeed grateful for their hospitality. The officials and players, who made their cars available for the trip, we would ask them to accept our warmest thanks.

SECOND EIGHTEEN (THE CUBS)

It is indeed pleasing to report on the enthusiasm and loyality of the officials of the Second Eighteen who, year after year, carry on cheerfully under the most difficult conditions. With the rebuilding of the senior team players are continually changing, and the possibility of a balanced side is well nigh impossible. Members should remember that the Cubs are compelled to play all senior reserves regardless of their size or suitability for key positions. However, we are hopeful that our search for big men in the senior side will this year remedy some of the difficulties that the Cubs have had to contend with. It is to be hoped that this coming season the Cubs officials will receive a full measure of success and thereby compensate them in some small way for their years of hard work in assisting your club to fill positions that have been made vacant by retirements, transfers, etc.

Although a trip was not undertaken this year, the annual smoke night was a great success, players travelling miles to talk over their associations with the Cubs and to prove that the boast of the Cubs is that once a Cub you are signed up for all times. The appointment of Allan Geddes as coach was unanimously confirmed by your committee, and Allan gave of his best with the material at his disposal, earnest, sincere, and enthusiastic. It is unfortunate that Allan has not produced a player of his own class to carry on the good work he shouldered for many years with the Tigers. Your committee sincerely thank the following officials: Mr. Ben. Alexander (President), Jim Cook (Honorary Secretary), Herb. Cox (Honorary Treasurer), and members of the committee and staff for the valuable assistance rendered in the past season.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB

It is with pleasure that we report on the increased accommodation to members and patrons that was made available by the transfer of the Cricket Members' Stand to its present position. The increasing attendances at football matches, particularly on grounds that cater for the public demands, prove conclusively that money spent

on improvements that will add to the comfort of patrons will eventually repay those who are far-sighted enough to provide for the future. The extra accommodation in the training room, first aid room, and improved showers, etc., were appreciated by the players and staff. The committee room of your club is now undergoing considerable improvement and with further additions to the furnishings, your committee will be particularly well provided for. The Cricket Club are hopeful that in the near future they will be in a position to provide a concrete wall on the southern end of the ground, thereby improving and increasing the outer accommodation. When this is completed then I feel that our ground will measure up to the standards of the other League grounds. Although the ground in its present state is not quite up to the standard required by all, permit me as one who has been closely associated with the club for many years to congratulate the Executive of the R.C.C. on the improvements.

It is pleasing to report on the continued happy relationship that exists between the two clubs, and we are grateful for the favorable consideration that all our requests receive. For this happy state of affairs we desire to express our appreciation to the executive officers of the Richmond Cricket Club: Mr. Geo. Langford (President), Perc. Maybury (Secretary), Merv. Rankin (Hon. Treasurer), and all members of the general committee. Permit me to offer my personal thanks for many favors during my connection with the club.

We would be delighted if the First Eleven this season succeeded in winning the coveted pennant and thereby reward the officials who for the past few years have worked so hard in the interest of the club.

PREMIERS OF THE V.J.F. LEAGUE

After many disappointments the Burnley Football Club succeeded in winning the coveted premiership of the V.J.F.L. Year after year Burnley were forced to accept the doubtful honor of runners-up; however, this year with Clarrie Jordan, an ex-Tiger, in command a determined effort was made to benefit by the experience of failures in the past, new life was infused into the old club with gratifying results, and we hasten to extend our sincere congratulations to all concerned. May this grand old club provide your team with players equal to the champions of old, Tom O'Halloran, Perc. Bentley, and others.

To the Richmond Amateurs we also convey our congratulations on their splendid effort in the Grand Final match; unfortunately only one team can win the premiership, maybe it will be the Amateurs' turn next season. To the "City," Richmond Imperials, and all local junior clubs we express our good wishes.

Donations to all junior clubs were made by the senior club and any requests acceded to. The junior clubs' administrators work in complete harmony with your club,

and although we have been unable to form a district competition, junior officials are constantly in conference with the senior officials.

RICHMOND DISTRICTS

The Districts report a reasonably good season; they were again just pipped for a position in the "Four." With the addition of a couple of big lads of ability the officials are confident that this grand old junior club will be restored to its former prestige of the leading junior club in the metropolitan area. It is indeed difficult to understand that some of our local juniors prefer to play with clubs other than their own; however, a concerted effort will be made this coming season by all connected with senior and junior football to remedy this state of affairs. The Districts are our third eighteen and are entitled to every consideration by junior players who are striving to reach the senior team.

Your committee has endeavored to meet every reasonable request from the officials connected with the above club, and we are pleased to report that our efforts were appreciated.

The following rendered excellent service: Cr. W. Williams (President), honorary secretary, and members of the committee and staff.

After many years of hard work with the Districts Mr. Alf. Lightfoot, owing to pressure of business, decided to retire. We express our sincere thanks to Mr. Lightfoot for his years of work with the juniors. He was indeed a competent and enthusiastic administrator.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL—CURTAIN-RAISERS

Your committee in an endeavor to give lads an opportunity to play our great game under the best possible conditions, again sponsored two teams under 18 years and under 16 years in the curtain-raiser competition. These lads, under the capable coaching and management of Gerald Delaney, displayed a knowledge of the finer points of our game and entertained members and patrons with their excellent displays. Unfortunately the older team was defeated in the Final match by a more experienced team in the Richmond Imperials, who eventually won the premiership. Therefore, although we were disappointed with the defeat of the recruits, we were delighted with the success of our other local team's win. We are confident that in the near future the junior boys we are now coaching will fill the gaps that will be eventually made in your team by the retirement of Bentley, Titus, and company.

Mr. Gerry Delany is to be congratulated on his work with the lads. Your committee was pleased to present to him a cheque to compensate him in some small way for his untiring effort.

JUNIOR "SMOKO" PREMIERSHIP CELEBRATIONS

At the commencement of the season 1938 Mr. Ben Alexander, well-known sporting identity, promised the winner of the V.J.F.L. Pennant a Smoke Night. Ben not only fulfilled his promise to the premier Burnley Club by providing them with a particularly good night in the local Town Hall, but in his own sporting way invited the runners-up and representatives of all junior bodies and senior officials. To those who had the pleasure of attending, it proved a real get together of all concerned with the administration of football in the district and must definitely encourage a greater degree of sportsmanship, particularly with the opposing players. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Alexander for his generosity and his intense interest in the juniors of the district. The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were fortunate to be present, and I have a shrewd suspicion that next season's premiers may perhaps also be feted.

DONATIONS FOR SEASON 1938

Carlton and United Breweries, £5/5/-; Bryant and May Ltd., £5/5/-; Syd. Sherrin, £5/-/-; M. J. Carroll, Swan Street, £3/3/-; C. Robertson, £2/2/-; Engineering Products Ltd., £2/2/-; Richmond Nathan Brewery, £2/2/-; G. Whitlock, £2/2/-; O. Shilton, £2; Hon. J. H. Scullin, £1/1/-; Dimmeys Model Stores, £1/1/-; Rosella Preserving Co. Ltd., £1/1/-; Smith, Mitchell and Co., £1/1/-; Pelaco Ltd., £1/1/-; R. Tatterson, £1/1/-; Wm. Horsfall, £1/1/-; J. Parsons, Riversdale Hotel, £1/1/-; Miss A. Greene, Star and Garter Hotel, £1/1/-; W. Fowler, £1/1/-; A. Whittaker, £1/1/-; Lou. Arthur, £1/1/-; Burnley Flour Mills, £1/1/-; Wellwisher, 10/6; N. F. Broughton, 8/6. Total, £43/13/-.

PRESENTATIONS

The following will receive trophies at the Annual Meeting: best and fairest (trophy donated by Mr. H. L. Roberts), Jack Dyer; most improved player (trophy donated by Mr. Bond), Jack Symons; best first year player (medal donated by Mr. G. Farnsworth), Bert Edwards; most consistent player (trophy donated by Mr. Jones), Kevin O'Neill; most effective player (trophy donated by Mr. J. Weston), Ray Martin; most reliable player (trophy donated by R.F.C.), Jack Cotter; most serviceable player (club trophy), Norm. Dickson.

J. D. LANGDON CUP

The Cup annually donated by the Richmond Football Club for the best and fairest player in the Richmond Second Eighteen was won by Alby Broman. This will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION

I desire to offer my sincere thanks to officials, players, staff, and members of the club for their assistance, loyalty, and confidence in me during my long association with the Tigers. I wish to convey to members that my reason for retiring is definitely one of business.

It is my fond wish that the old club will continue to hold that prominent position in the Victorian Football League that has been our good fortune over the past 12 years.

J. J. SMITH, Honorary Secretary

ADDENDUM

Once again I have cause to express appreciation of the loyalty to myself and excellent services rendered to the club by officials, players, and staff. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. J. Smith), Hon. Treasurer (Mr. C. E. Turner), Hon. Social Secretary (Mr. L. Langdon), and Hon. Assistant Secretary (Mr. M. Sheahan) are all commended for the manner in which they carried out their important duties. Members will note with pleasure that the club presents a larger credit balance than ever before during its long history.

Members will join with me in lamenting the retirement from the secretarial position of Mr. Jack Smith. He has been an official of the club for many years and has always been deservedly popular with officials, players, staff, and those members with whom he has come in contact. As a League delegate he played a big part in administrative service and all club delegates regret his retirement. Mr. Smith has been a loyal helpmate to me during my term as President and I have nothing but praise for his services and patriotism to the club we love so well. I value, too, his personal friendship.

H. L. ROBERTS, President

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 1938

(19 Meetings)

H. L. Roberts, 17; J. J. Smith, 19; H. Turner, 19; F. E. O'Brien, 19; F. Donnelly, 12; M. Fleming, 19; J. Loughnan, 6; W. S. Nutt, 10; J. Weston, 18; A. H. Daws, 16; A. Geddes, 19; M. Hunter, 13; L. Langdon, 19 P. Langdon, 18; W. Maher, 17; M. Sheahan, 19; W. Smith (R.C.C. representative), 17; J. Joyce (Cubs' representative), 19; P. Bentley (players' rep.), 9; M. Bolger (players' rep.), 12; K. O'Neill (players' rep.), 14.

Finance Committee (Meetings held, 9)—F. E. O'Brien (Chairman), 9; H. Turner, 9; M. Fleming, 9; W. S. Nutt, 8; J. J. Smith, 9.

Selection Committee (Meetings held, 26)—H. L. Roberts, 25; M. Sheahan, 26; L. Langdon, 26; P. Bentley, 26; J. Titus, 26.

GOALKICKERS, SEASON 1938

	1938	1937		1938	1937
Titus, J.	72	65	Smeaton, G.	6	5
Harris, R.	41	65	Strang, G.	6	—
Bentley, P.	32	30	Brett, S.	5	—
Hull, Ian	18	7	Edwards, B.	5	—
Symons, J.	18	16	Henderson, R.	4	4
Dyer, J.	15	10	McCrory, A.	2	—
Martin, R.	10	10	Smith, H.	2	—
Dickson, N.	8	1	Priestley, C.	1	—
Sleeth, L.	8	14			
			Total	253	244

J. Titus, during his thirteen years with your club, has kicked 645 goals.

R. Harris, in five seasons, has registered 245 goals.

An outstanding performance by these two excellent forwards.

RESULTS OF MATCHES, 1938

Date	Richmond Versus	Result	Rich. Score G.	B.	Pts.	Oppon. Score G.	B.	Pts.
April 23	Nth. Melb.	Won	19	26	140	9	9	63
„ 30	Carlton	Lost	14	10	94	12	23	95
May 7	Coll'gwood	Won	15	12	102	11	26	92
„ 14	St. Kilda	Lost	13	11	89	15	9	99
„ 21	Hawthorn	Lost	12	12	84	13	9	87
„ 28	Geelong	Won	18	9	117	12	16	88
June 4	Fitzroy	Won	14	10	94	12	15	87
„ 11	Sth. Melb.	Won	20	15	135	8	14	62
„ 18	Essendon	Won	15	14	104	15	9	99
„ 25	Melbourne	Won	12	17	89	10	8	68
July 2	Footscray	Lost	7	4	46	13	20	98
„ 9	Nth. Melb.	Lost	12	11	83	14	3	87
„ 23	Carlton	Won	20	12	132	12	19	91
„ 30	Coll'gwood	Won	11	10	76	9	9	63
Aug. 6	St. Kilda	Lost	7	11	53	7	14	56
„ 13	Hawthorn	Won	19	18	132	12	11	83
„ 20	Geelong	Lost	12	12	84	20	17	137
„ 27	Fitzroy	Lost	13	15	93	15	18	108
			253	229	1747	219	249	1563

Summary: Played 18 matches. Won 10, Lost 6.

Position on Premiership List, sixth.

5, 10, 15-YEAR PLAYERS.

15 Years.

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years).

10 Years.

1918—H. James. 1919—V. Thorp, B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don.
1934—P. Bentley, A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran.
1935—J. Titus.
1936—J. Murdoch.

5 Years.

1913—H. James, E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—P. Maybury, B. V. Herbert, V. Thorp, F. McCashney, F. Love, S. Reeves. 1916—D. J. Moffatt, C. H. Hall. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede, F. V. Hughes. 1919—H. Allessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, F. Harley, E. Keggin, W. Thomas. 1920—G. Bayliss, 1921—M. Hislop, D. Don, J. Smith, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—B. McCormack, A. Geddes, P. Bentley, T. O'Halloran, D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, J. Titus, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggott, J. Murdoch, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheahan. 1934—M. Bolger, E. Zschech, K. O'Neill. 1935—J. Dyer, R. Martin, G. and D. Strang. 1938—J. Symons, D. Guinane, R. Harris, R. Chergwin.

LIFE MEMBERS.

The Club's Life Membership List is as follows:—J. Charles, 1885; J. Eastman (deceased), 1896; J. J. Stewart, 1897; A. Elder (deceased), 1898; J. H. Egan (deceased), 1899; W. Malone (deceased), 1900; W. J. Bicknell (deceased), 1902; C. Backhouse (deceased), 1904; A. McNair, 1905; G. R. P. Beachcroft, 1906; A. Edmonds, 1908; A. A. Manzie, 1909; C. Whitaker (deceased), 1910; J. H. Archer, W. A. Maybury (deceased), 1912; A. Tietgens, 1914; G. McIntosh (deceased), 1915; J. H. James, 1915; R. T. Kelly, W. H. Lohse, 1916; B. V. Herbert, P. H. Maybury, 1917; S. W. Reeves, V. C. Thorp, 1919; C. H. Hall, D. Henry, 1920; A. Aarons, T. Delaney, 1921; A. J. Bettles, B. Goodwin, 1922; F. V. Hughes, A. Wood (deceased), 1923; F. Harley, J. Watson, 1924; E. J. Fayle (deceased), O. Mitchell (deceased), 1925; D. Don, J. Smith, 1926; H. Dyke, E. Taylor, 1927; D. Hayes, R. J. Stanley, (deceased), 1928; W. H. Gosch, H. L. Roberts, 1929; W. J. T. Higginbotham, J. J. Smith, 1930; J. D. Langdon, P. Page, 1931; W. Baker, B. D. Edmond, 1932; H. Cox, L. Cameron, 1933; P. Bentley, A. Geddes, T. O'Halloran, B. McCormack, 1934; F. O'Brien, J. Titus, 1935; J. Murdoch, 1937; M. Sheahan, M. Hunter, 1938.

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest For Goal Kicker	For Gls.	For Bhds.	Against Gls.	Against Bhds.	Psn.
1908	G. H. Bennett M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam R. Condon	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	178	207	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor	"	"	J. Lawson	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	179	209	Eighth
1910	M.H.R.	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	121	186	Seventh
1911	"	"	"	L. Incigneri	M. Maguire (29)	122	199	138	193	Eighth
1912	"	G. P. Beachcroft	J. McDermott	E. Ohlsen	E. Keggin (24)	115	173	184	229	Ninth
1913	"	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	H. James	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	150	190	Seventh
1914	"	"	"	W. Thomas	C. Hall (32)	143	226	143	219	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	"	C. Hall (25)	126	150	158	216	Sixth
1916	"	"	"	"	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	131	170	Fourth
1917	"	W. A. Maybury	"	P. H. Maybury	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	127	192	Sixth
1918	"	"	"	C. H. Hall	D. Don (19)	96	176	117	155	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	W. Thomas	D. Don (31)	172	251	148	210	Run's-up
1920	"	"	"	D. T. Minogue	G. Bayliss (63)	202	223	143	154	Premiers
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Bayliss (53)	188	222	149	226	Premiers
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (32)	146	163	154	204	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	D. Fraser (18)	121	180	156	202	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	P. Page	"	"	M. Morris (44)	172	259	169	222	Run's-up
1925	"	"	J. D. Langdon	"	M. Morris (25)	132	189	158	183	Seventh
1926	"	"	"	M. Morris	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	214	211	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	164	219	Run's-up
1928	"	"	"	"	J. Baggott (61)	253	303	195	218	Run's-up
1929	"	"	"	C. Liiburne	J. Titus (54)	277	311	235	220	Run's-up
1930	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Titus (50)	214	257	175	207	Fourth
1931	"	"	"	M. Hunter	D. Strang (68)	247	292	174	243	Run's-up
1932	B. V. Herbert	J. J. Smith	"	P. Bentley	D. Strang (49)	242	290	174	244	Premiers
1933	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (51)	281	249	206	241	Run's-up
1934	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (80)	266	284	206	235	Premiers
1935	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	253	245	215	247	Third
1936	H. L. Roberts	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	239	239	225	200	Fifth
1937	"	"	G. B. Smith	"	J. Titus (65)	244	252	225	207	Fourth
1938	"	"	C. E. Turner	"	J. Titus (72)	253	229	219	249	Sixth
					Totals :	5642	6846	5330	6508	

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE V.F.L.

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Pl'yd
Carlton	25	45	—	70
Collingwood	23	44	1	68
Essendon	30	23	1	54
Fitzroy	31	29	—	60
Footscray	18	5	—	23
Geelong	33	28	2	63
Hawthorn	23	3	—	26
Melbourne	32	19	1	52
North Melbourne	19	3	—	22
South Melbourne	27	32	1	60
St. Kilda	34	16	—	50
	295	247	6	548

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